

WFOE (Washington, D.C.)
Mutual Broadcasting System

Fulton Lewis, Jr., at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Lewis discussed the Gomulka government of Poland and the following was heard, in part:

"For all of the talk about independence in Polish communism, free from Kremlin domination, he proves and proclaims himself actually to be the stooge of Moscow, which thoroughly discredits the American foreign policy line that the Gomulka government is a step ahead for the people of Poland, a move in the direction of Polish freedom, democracy and independence. This is just the same old set-up, the same old relationship, with the strings being pulled from Moscow, as they always have been, and to believe anything else is to delude oneself, the State Department to the contrary notwithstanding.

"That, of course, is the line being fed out by Radio Free Europe, the reportedly independent radio and propaganda outfit with headquarters in Munich, Germany, for which the CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM, so-called, with a lot of fancy names and window-dressing, is collecting Truth Dollars in a door-to-door, nation-wide fund-raising campaign at the present time.

"Their pitch to you, the prospective contributor, is that this is a -- Radio Free Europe -- is a privately financed project to broadcast the word of freedom and the message of the free Western world to the people behind the Iron Curtain, and thus keep alive the spark of hope among those people. The fact is they are broadcasting the line that the way to freedom is through the Tito style of Communism, that Communism is and of itself is all right and that there is good Communism and bad Communism. Directors of the Free Europe operation have openly and frankly stated to me that that is their line of operation; they defend it as being sound and realistic and practicable. They argue that Poland has taken a step forward toward freedom in the Gomulka government, if you please, and that this is what should be agitated in all other Iron Curtain countries.

"Well, this Moscow meeting tells the story on that. Gomulka bows in homage and submission to the Kremlin leaders. He is no more independent than any of the rest of them. He accepts Khrushchev as his commanding general and says that this is the only way it can be. I might mention that it's well established that the standards of living in Gomulka Poland are no better than they were in the old Stalinist Poland, which is to say that the standards of living are at starvation level. My concept of the welfare of any given people has always been their standard of living."